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STOCKHOLM, WARSAW.

1. SUMMARY: ROSHCHIN (USSR) CALLED ON THE US TO EITHER
PUT FORWARD AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS TO SOVIET DRAFT
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CONVENTION CONTAINING COMPREHENSIVE PROHIBITIONS OF

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CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW) OR SUBMIT ITW OWN PROPOSAL. HE DREW SIMILARITIES BETWEEN SOVIET DRAFT AND THEN-NATION NON-ALIGNED MEMORANDUM. END SUMMARY

2. AMB ROSHCHIN REMINDED CCD THAT CONVENTION ON PROHIBITION OF BACTERIOLOGICAL WEAPONS (BW) OBLIGATED PARTIES TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS IN GOOD FAITH ON EFFECTIVE MEASURES FOR THE PROHIBITION OF DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND FOR THEIR DESTRUCTION. HE CARGED WESTERN POWERS ARE NOT PREPARED CONSIDER PROBLEM ON PRACTICAL PLANE AND ARE AVOIDING DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC PROVISIONS.

3. HE CALLED ATTENTION TO SIMILARITIES BETWEEN SOVIET DRAFT CONVENTION OF 1972 AND TEN-NATION MEMORANDUM (CCD/400) SUBMITTED IN SPRING. ON QUESTION OF SCOPE OF PROHIBITION, HE SUPPORTED TEN NON-ALIGNED NATIONS' ARGUMENT THAT A BAN ON PRODUCTION ONLY WOULD BE DISCRIMINATORY, SAYING SUCH A PARTIAL PROHIBITION WOULD DIVIDE PARTIES INTO TWO CATEGORIES, THOSE HAVING THE RIGHT TOPOSSESS CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND THOSE DEPRIVED OF SUCH A RIGHT. HE OPPOSED A CRITERION, FOR DEFINING TREATY PROHIBITIONS, BASED ON TOXICITY OF AGENTS ON GROUNDS A LARGE NUMBER OF AGENTS CAPABLE OF INFLICTING DEATH WOULD NOT BE COVERED, AND OPPOSED A CRITERION SPECIFYING CERTAIN CLASSES OF CHEMICAL COMPOSITION ON GROUNDS FUTURE CHEMICAL PRODUCTS AND EXISTING SECRET MILITARY AGENTS WOULD NOT BE BANNED.

4. WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THERE ARE DIFFICULTIES ASSOCIATED WITH VERIFICATION, HE MAINTAINED THESE COULD BE OVERCOME BY A "REASONABLE COMBINATION OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL FORMS OF CONTROL." ROSHCHIN, HOWEVER, EMPHASIZED THAT ON-SITE INSPECTIONS WULD INVOLVE OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE WITHIN A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES OF STATES AND CAN HARDLY BE ACCEPTABLE. HE RECOGNIZED THAT ACHIEVEMENT OF A CW PROHIBITION IS VERY COMPLICATED BUT CALLED FOR "POLITICAL WILL" BY NEGOTIATING PARTIES. HE CHARGED THAT US COMMENTS ON THE TEN-NATION MEMORANDUM "CANNOT BE REGARDED AS AN INITIATIVE WHICH COULD SERVE AS A CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION" UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY SPECIFIC PROPOSALS.

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5. NEXT PLENARY SESSION TUESDAY, JULY 17.

6. THIRD SESSION OF INFORMAL MEETING ATTENDED BY SEISMOLOGICAL EXPERTS FROM VARIOUS DELEGATIONS HELD FOLLOWING REGULAR PLENARY SESSION. INFORMAL EXPERTS MEETING WILL BE CONCLUDED TOMORROW, JULY 13. WRAP-UP CABLE WILL FOLLOW.

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